

2014 Clean Water Indiana Grant



The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The CWI Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the CWI Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2014, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 12 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$724,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).

TOTAL PROPOSALS: 33
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$2,142,550
DISTRICTS APPLYING: 69
TOTAL PROPOSALS FUNDED: 12
TOTAL AMOUNT FUNDED: \$759,250
DISTRICTS FUNDED: 31
GRANT DATES: 5/1/2014-4/30/2016



Clean Water Indiana grants provide funding in three areas: Cost Share, Professional Assistance, and Adult Education. The recipients of 2014 CWI funds are using the grants to accomplish the following:

Cost Share:

- Installing best management practices (BMPs) such as cover crops and riparian buffers
- Incentivizing use of a high clearance sprayer for cover crops
- Installing a two-stage ditch
- Encouraging use of forestry BMPs and conservation grazing practices

Professional Assistance:

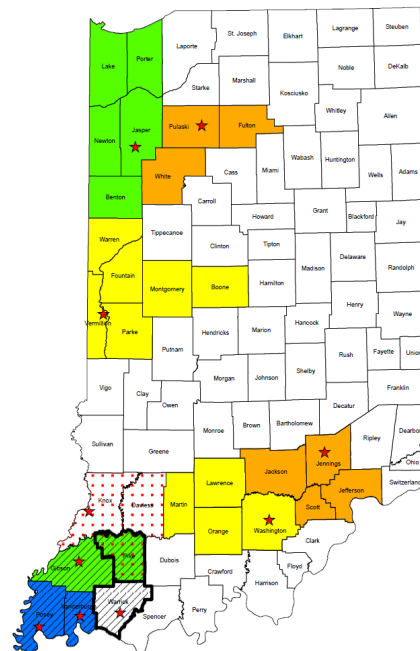
- Hiring a county conservation technician/educator

Adult Education

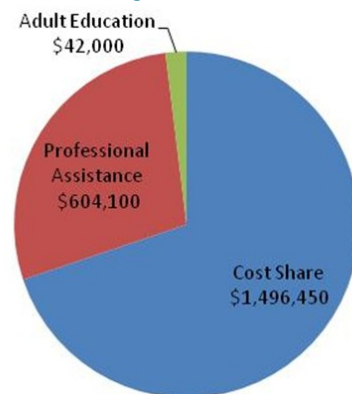
- Providing educational materials
- Hosting a Regional Soil Health Workshop
- Hosting field days

In addition to CWI funds, each grantee is required to produce a 50% match of funds or in kind. Many districts will target producers not currently served by other conservation programs.

PARTNERS FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE:
PURDUE EXTENSION, UNIVERSITIES,
NRSC, FSA, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY,
AND CCSI.



Total Funds Requested



Total Funds Awarded

